(*e*) A programme has been ordered to be prepared of well works to be taken up with funds to be contributed by the Panchayets, District Boards and Government and the needs of the villages will be attended to according to this programme.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Narasimhegowda.—

With reference to the answer (*e*) will the Government be pleased to state when the programme was ordered ?

Second Member of Council.—

Sometime ago.

Mr. Narasimhegowda.—

Has any action been taken on the programme ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is being done in the various districts.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Do the Government consider that the present grant for sinking drinking water wells is sufficient ?

Second Member of Council.—

We are trying to give larger grants as far as possible.

MESSRS. PATEL BASAPPA (Sorab Taluk), MANGESH RAO (Sagar Taluk), HALAPPA GOWDA and SRINIVASA UDAPA (Nagar Taluk), and GURULINGAPPA (Honnali Taluk).—

Q.—27. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether they are aware of the fact that many children are becoming victims to Infantile Cirrhosis ?

(*b*) If so, the number of children who died of this disease?

(*c*) The preventive measures taken by the Government ?

(*d*) If no measures are taken as yet, to propose measures as early as possible?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A—27. (*a*) Government have no definite information, but probably several children are dying of this disease.

(*b*) Figures are not available as deaths from Cirrhosis of the liver are not being separately classified in the Mortuary Returns.

(*c*) and (*d*) The cause of the disease being unknown it is not possible to take preventive measures. The disease is, however, reported to be neither infectious nor contagious.

The result of the investigations into the causes of the disease has so far not been encouraging. Further investigation is however proceeding.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Basappa.—

In reply to the answer to the interpellation (*a*), it is stated that the Government have no definite information. Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of deaths from Infantile Cirrhosis ?

Senior Surgeon.—

No one has yet been able to determine the causes of Infantile Cirrhosis. The disease prevails also in Bengal and other parts of India and many doctors outside are investigating its causes. In the Victoria Hospital, fifty cases were recorded and all of them were carefully studied. But we were not able to find out the cause of nor the remedy for this disease. Further investigation, however is proceeding.

Mr. Mangesha Rao.—

Has it not come to the notice of the Government that this disease is more prevalent in the Malnad ?

Senior Surgeon.—

It is believed that the disease is more prevalent in the malnad than in the maidan. A proposal will shortly be submitted to Government for undertaking a survey.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR and TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—31. Will the Government be pleased to state the financial working of the Badanval Khadi centre under the following heads:—